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1. The following three reasons have been given for the failure of Foreign Minister Mincho Kolev Neichev to be re-elected to the Bulgarian Politburo:

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- a. Neichev's personality is quite different from that of Premier Vulko Chervenkov, and Neichev is unable or unwilling to make the necessary adjustments;
 - b. Neichev is old and in ill-health; and
 - c. Neichev is not in favor with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, which was evident at the recent conference in Prague of the foreign ministers of Communist countries.
2. It is reported that Neichev will resign his position in 1954. Lyuben Gerasimov, deputy Foreign Minister and candidate member of the Central Committee, has been mentioned as an outstanding candidate for Neichev's post.

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